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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
ELECTION REQUIREMENT/PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003 Applicants make the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (original) A method for providing glutamine supplementation to a human comprising the oral administration of an effective amount of N-acetyl L-glutamine, or a nutritionally acceptable salt thereof.
2. (original) A method according to claim 1 in which said human is administered at least 0.7 mmoles/ kg/day of N-acetyl-L-glutamine or a nutritionally acceptable salt.
3. (original) A method according to claim 1 in which said human is administered at least 1.0 moles/ kg/day of N-acetyl-L-glutamine or a nutritionally acceptable salt.
4. (original) A method according to claim 1 in which said human is administered at least 1.5 mmoles/ kg/day of N-acetyl-L-glutamine or a nutritionally acceptable salt.
5. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said nutritionally acceptable salt is selected from the group consisting of: lithium, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and aluminum, ammonium, tetramethylammonium, tetraethylammonium, methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, triethylamine, diethylamine, ethylamine, tributylamine, pyridine, N,N-dimethylaniline, N-methylpiperidine, N-methylmorpholine,